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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING CARD-LIKE INFORMATION
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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 6, 2004, please take the following remarks into consideration.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of January 6, 2004, has been carefully considered. It is noted that claims 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over DE-9218985 in view of the patent to Okada, the patent to Morse and the patent to Day.

Claims 14 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Okada in view of XP-002128554, Honda, Day and Morse.

Claims 17-20 and 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Okada, XP-002128554, Honda, Day and Morse, and further in view of the patent to Vogt.

Applicant respectfully submits that the references relied upon by the Examiner in various combinations do not teach the presently claimed invention.

Turning now to the references, it can be seen that German reference DE-9218985 discloses a laminator for laminating a card in which a pressure producer or pressing member is arranged underneath the card position for selectively providing pressure on the card. This reference further teaches a heating arrangement for heating the card. As shown, for example, in